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Philadelphia, Wednesday, April 2, 1915

GOOD FOR YOU, GOVERNOR.

GOVERNOR SPROUL has vetoed the bill increasing the salary of the local the most popular branch of the federal Civil Service Commission from \$3000 to \$5000 a year.

He says that when the city government has money to spare for increasing salaries it should give attention to those essential employes who work hard for small wages. We assume he means the policemen and firemen. These public days a week.

The Governor remarks that the memstances they are not underpaid. There will disagree with him.

This veto is based on common sense and on a proper appreciation of the duty of the city to conserve its funds.

But why should it be necessary to such matters? Perhaps the Governor will bring his hard business sense to bear on the subject and indorse the provisions of the citizen. committee charter draft, which leaves the amount of virtually all salaries to the discretion of the local authorities.

### POPPYCOCK ·

DEBS has waved the red flag for so many years that when things do not go his way he cannot see any other color. This is the explanation of his silly announcement that the refusal of the Supreme Court to interfere with the execution of the sentence upon him for violating the espionage law would be followed by a general strike on May 1.

This is silly because it is based on the assumption that the workingmen of America are so lacking in loyalty to their country and have so little confidence in the essential fairness of the courts that they can be persuaded to tie up all industry as a form of protest against compelling a man to serve his sentence for violating the laws.

This is a country of law and its orderly execution, and no one will take seriously such poppycock as Debs has emitted.

RIGHT REMEDY FOR RUSSIA

THE cheaply cynical sophistry that "Russia is hopeless" is incomprehensible to the Society of Friends, members of which report the progress of important reconstruction work there and virtually no trouble with the Bolshevists.

Announcement is now made that more extended relief will be administered. Harold Evans, of this city, will head a new commission, which will assuage famine conditions, study the needs of the Russian peasants, assist them in learning trades and teach them how to carry on efficient production.

The whole scheme is in little what has been described as the "American plan" for redeeming the stricken colossus of Europe. Cross purposes, insidious influences, unfortunate obstructions of all kinds have interfered with the execution of the program. The Friends, however, have demonstrated its virtues. Of course, they have not been molested in their work.

The governmental policy of Russia may be lunatic, but it is an absurdity to indict a whole nation for insanity. Far from resenting the right kind of substantial help, the Russian people await it and will welcome it with gratitude. In their campaigns, completed and proposed, the Friends are loyal to their traditional code of humane progress,

## A RIOT OF BEAUTY

bourgeoisie will hereafter dare to cations of the American policies at testify Bolshevism is unappreciative of Paris. rt. And even if insidious propagandists for law and order, should make that chaim, can it in sincerity be admitted? As a matter of fact, the Moscow Reds re literally just crazy about art. They re nationalized the picture galleries

atever that means) and have analled the copyrights on Russian literary ems, thus effacing the stigma of lucre on authorship. But the most significant proof of their real is revealed in the radio announce-

ment of a "Beautiful riot in Philadel-, which we are reliably informed was red by the Bolsheviki," Foreign lister Tchitcherin, in Moscow, sent the ss to Foreign Minister Bela Kun,

bied some of the futurists in

which the untutored eye sees not. The for him. They are for the "agitators" have been similarly privileged, but it remains for the "riotists" to picture masterpieces of the most explosive and incendiary elegance even before they

have been achieved. "What is so fine," trills, in effect, one proletarian Foreign Minister to another, "as a beautiful riot?" Judging from the exultation of the message, we should centure to say it was one discernible by Bolsh vist clairvoyance. Obviously, the "riotist" schools have reached far out for new artistic fields of exquisite subtlety. "All passes," said Gauthier, "art alone endures." He was right. That is about all that is left of the "inspired" uprising in Philadelphia in the form of a glow-

OBLIVION YEARNS FOR "SWEATSHOPPER" BURLESON

Injustice and Oppression in the Postoffices Are in Strange Contrast With the Wilsonian Theories

THERE are times when it seems actunl'y as biful whether the mail system of the country can survive the present Postmaster Ceneral for another year. Oblivion yearns for Mr. Burleson as it caro- for no other man in public life what was once the most efficient and | confusion.

Mr. Burleson has a shrewd and perverse habit of attributing all criticism of his methods to resentment felt by newspapers because of his zone postage system. But in the final analysis no one attempts to blame the Postmaster General wholly for an arrangement that is servants put in a full day's work six due very largely to the Kitchin influence in Congress. It is not as an administrator that Mr. Burleson is discredited, but bers of the Civil Service Commission are as an employer of labor. In this latter not overworked and under the circum- role he has revealed all the ineptitude of an unregenerate Democracy and all the is not a single fireman or policeman who | sordid delusions of a provincial tory.

The postal service is filled with embittered, haffled, underpaid and overworked men. It would have been in disastrous conflict with state laws and labor unions take to Harrisburg the question of and an enlightened public opinion long salary fixing for men who serve this city | ago were it not sheltered by the unapalone? Are we not to be trusted with proachable authority of the federal government.

The best of Mr. Burleson's critics has very properly called him a "sweatshopper." The Postmaster General has clashed with labor unions. He has made his service hated by thousands of those who serve in it because the postal department has been administered since he went into office under a rule of tyranny and an economic creed so harsh as to bring disintegration as a natural conseguence. Yet Mr. Burleson remains the waggering reactionary, safe in the cabinet, a living, breathing denial and contradiction of all that is generous and wise and farsighted in Mr. Wilson's policies.

Those who have been criticizing the efficiency of the postal service probably do not know that many of the men in the Philadelphia office and elsewhere are compelled to work long extra hours at outside employment in order to make a living. A first class letter carrier is paid less than \$1150 a year by the government, though he must be a man able to pass severe civil service examinations Other federal departments have made it plain that this is about half enough to. support a family decently as things are at present. But Mr. Burleson is not committed to any scheme of wage advancement. He has consistently obstructed every effort made by his men for better working conditions and better pay and has, moreover, relentlessly advocated a system designed, as he puts

it, to "scale down wages." Is"it too much to suppose that were the flagrant defects of the postal system to be investigated in detail it might be found that the cause lies in a dispirited and harassed personnel kept constantly under a grinding pressure from

which there can be no appeal?

It has remained for Mr. William Hard. writing in the New Republic, to reveal a drift of the Burleson mind that would be neredible if it were not reflected in offiial documents. Old and tried men in the service are not to be considered Their wages are to be "scaled down with their declining efficiency." The Postmaster General waged a long campaign for an actual reduction in wages and those who ventured to oppose him were damined out at congressional hearings as "mere agitators,"

If anything can bridge the gap that has widened so tragically between workers and those who employ them it must be a more human approach from both sides, a recognition of the human countion everywhere and a decent respect for the normal requirements of existence

according to a civilized standard. These are contentions advanced by Mr. Wilson himself and implied in his state papers, and urged upon the gov-NONE but vilifying capitalists and ernments of the world as major impli-

> Yet the American Government, through its postal service and in its immediate relations with about 400,000 men and women in its own service, has rejected these principles with a stubbornness so flagrant that in the end it must inevitably involve some question

> of Mr. Wilson's own sincerity. Mr. Wilson has a habit of protecting and defending his assistants. His own courage and his devotion to the principle of fair play doubtless actuate in him in such instances. But Burleson has finally become a challenge to the country. He has revealed in his highly important office only the mind and the viewpoint of provincial Texas politician and a passionate desire to make the Postoffice

> Department "pay" at all hazards. Pensions, recognition, the human elenent in the affairs of business are not

vorticists with their scrambled statuary and the "visionaries." Burleson wants returns and he has determined to show Congress that the postal system can earn money for the government. His success in forcing upon the workers in his department a system that would not be tolerated in any private industry has been due largely to the co-operation of his political friends in Congress, And gradual demoralization in the service proceeds apparently without the knowledge of those who might check it.

Employes of the postal service are flocking headlong into the American Federation of Labor. Government employes cannot strike, and if Mr. Burleon had his way they would not even be permitted to organize. But all units in the Federation of Labor can strike, and they have a habit of striking when their members, new or old, are subjected to gross injustice. The present trend in the postal de-

partment therefore indicates that sooner or later the Burleson policies are to have an unhappy culmination of one sort or another

It will not be pleasant for Mr. Wilson if, after he has helped in the readjustment of acute social problems in Europe according to rules of humane understanding, he should return to America to anyware. He is inexplicable. The peo- | find the government over which he preple of the United States, whose interest sides soudidly involved as the one remainis atill concentrated on the towering is- ing agency of black reaction and an insues of the war, are as yet unaware of excusable offender in labor disputes calthe bizarre ruin that he is making of culated to bring about further industrial

The President cannot afford to leave Mr. Burleson unchecketi. If the havoc that has been wrought silently in the Postoffice Department is to be duplicated in the wire systems of the country, then the administration will have a great deal to explain to the American people after peace is declared.

Mr. Burleson belongs in Texas. And the sooner he is sent back to Texas the better it will be for the country and the eputation of the present administration.

VOLUNTEERING FÖR FRANCE TF THE success of the War Department's plan to replace a part of the American army in France with 50,000

clunteer troops is measurable by conditions in Philadelphia there can be no mestion of the excellence of the scheme. During March the highest number of enlistments recorded here for any one day was seventeen. On Monday the figure soared to eighty-five.

The enthusiasm is easily explainable. Thousands of drafted men were keenly isappointed that fate and the armistice prevented them from taking a foreign tour, which, whatever its hardships and perils, was pregnant with romantic allurement and stimulating interest. The dangers are negligible now. What remains for many a youth of spirit is the charm.

In their recent inspections of the home army camps General March and Secretary Baker noted how potent this appeal was. The idea of capitalizing it to the advantage of soldiers abroad, who are longing to get home, and to the profit of those sincerely eager to replace them

ommended itself to good judgment. Four times as many men are now enisting as appeared at the Arch street office before the offer went into effect. These volunteers will see something like the real France, not the agonized and war-rent nation which many of the drafted men found so difficult to understand. The educational value of the new policy, which will help to bring the veterans home, is not the least of its merits.

THE CRIME OF COMMUTING OFFICIAL photographs are demanded by the government from two classes of persons in order to identify them.

a foreign country must supply at their own expense a photograph of themselves to be pasted on the document. And the public authorities take photographs of all criminals at its own ex-

Those who apply for a passport to visit

pense. These are kept in what is known as a rogues' gallery. Now comes the railroad administration with an order that all persons buying commutation tickets to the seaside re-

sorts must paste their photographs on their tickets. It does not appear whether it regards the commuters as criminals or as holders of passports to other lands. We know that New Jersey has jocosely been called a foreign country, but we do not think that the railroad administration intends to give its official sanction to

this designation. The alternative view is the only tenable one. Commuters to Atlantic City, Wildwood, Cape May, Sea Isle City and the other coast resorts must be criminals to be watched lest they violate the law again. What folly!

"Yet there are still a few personsmostly holding government jobs it's true-who talk in favor of government ownership and operation of the railroads.

General March says Now Get Ready that the Iron Division will parade here some time in May after its return from France. That is what we have all been wanting, not only those who have stayed at home, but the survivors of the division who have won glory in France. There is time enough to arrange a demonstration in its honor which will in some small degree express our appreciation of these sturdy and heroic fighters.

The announcement Too Big to Be that Elihu Root's proposed changes in the league of nation covenant are acceptable to the legal authorities with the American delegates makes one wonder why Mr. Root was not taken to Paris in the first place.

The weather man seems to have applated winter to be the mandatory for

Tchitcherin, the Bolshevist foreign minister, who descants on the beauties of a mythical red uprising in Philadelphia,

## CONGRESSMAN MOORE'S LETTER

How Judge Bartlett Gets His Eggs. Mann Will Help Miss Paul Put Suffrage Through-Why Hays is Like Vare

Washington, D. C., April 2. THE big gold seal of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania is frequently in evidence in the Senate and House of Repre When it comes it is accompanied by the signatures of Cyrus E Woods, Secretary of the Commonwealth; W. P. Gallagher, chief clerk of the Senate and Thomas H. Garvin (the same being "Tom" Garvin, of Sharon Hill), chief clerk of the House of Representatives and a statistician of no mean order. Recently, during the interim, the big seal appeared with all the hieroglyphics, indorsing over to Congress two propositions approved by the legislative body at Harrisburg. One of these favored a vote of thanks to the local and district draft boards throughout the United States, not forgetting these in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania, and the other was in support of the old-time proposition favoring an increased pension to the maimed soldiers of the Civil War. And incidentally it may be observed that the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, who is holding the office down as cleverly under Governor Sproul as he did under Governor Brumbaugh, has some views on that interesting topic, the league of nations, that might induce the Hon. William H. Taft to respond in a few brief lines.

THE price of eggs is coming down, and Lone of the reasons for it is that the hens are beginning to lay. They place great store by the American hen in the Department of Agraculture, and contend that she is worth more to the country than all the iron and steel interests out together There is something about the American egg that does appeal to the breakfast table. The Postmaster General argues that he gets the egg there cheaper by parcels post than it could go through the commission house. Charles E. Bartlett, the new Mu-nicipal Court judge, who was a philosopher before his old chum, "Bob" von Moschzisker, went upon the Supreme Court beach, has not so much faith in the parcets post as he has in his two strong arms and pedal extremities. The judge nows a Bucks County farmer who has a accessful chicken yard, and he goes after he eggs in person. The late county comnissioner, "Bob" Moore, used to resort to he same plan. He said it beat the storage warehouse and the profiteer. There are fore ways than the parcels post for getting the fresh egg on the table, but the fear of being seen carrying a market basket helps to keep up the price.

IT'S dollars to doughnuts that James R. Mann, the defeated candidate for Speaker, will figure big in the next Congress in behalf of woman suffrage. Mann knows the cause is unpopular in certain eastern districts, but he believes in it and expects to make a Republican issue of it. This ought to be good news to Miss Alice Paul, Miss Mary Ingham, Mrs. Lewis and the other militants from Philadelphia and icinity who have been blaming President Wilson for their troubles. It is worth noting also that Mondell, of Wyoming, who succeeds Mann as Republican leader, was perhaps the foremost suffragist on the Republican side long before Mi nn came into camp. On the other hand, Gillett, the new Republican Speaker, has not been favor-able to suffrage heretofore.

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN HAYS has some of the traits of the Philadelphia Organization leader. The Vares used to contend that organization for national campaigns which remains dormant the rest of the four-year period is not of much value. Hays is not necessarily a Vare man, but he is trying to be a harmonizer, and believes in keeping organization going all the time. He is the first national chairman in recent years to prod Congressmen and others as to their sense of political national chairman is to get the new Republican House leaders together, with a view of promoting publicity. He is trying to work out a similar plan on the Senate side. The national chairman is as much detail worker as Dick Birely, Harry Wittig or Charlie Voorhees used to be in the city committee or as William Finley is now.

DIRECTOR WEBSTER tells us he is going ahead encouraging steamship lines at Philadelphia regardless of the action of the joint committees or "resoluters" who resolute sometimes more than they perform. There is delay in the establish nent of purely American lines, as there is also in the setting up of drydocks at Phil idelphia, but the Cunard and other foreign lines have recently come in, and the direct arranging to accommodate them. The Cunard Line, the Anchor Line and the Anchor-Donaldson Line propose to get busy in American ports, no matter i is the American disposition to look out for its own interests. Joint offices for these lines have recently been set up here in Washington. We are informed that it is their purpose to extend the service along the coast.

THAT Burleson and the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company officials should clash has been a foregone conclusion ever since the astute Postmaster Gen eral, reaching out for control of the telegraph and telephone lines under the war power, first induced the President and Congress to go along with him on his federal operation plan. And it was to be expected that the Postmaster General would sit tight. He is a tenacious official, and the independence of the Postal people under Clarence H. Mackey was calculated to rile him. The Mackey interests wanted to get the company back in their own hands. They were behind a movement which gained great headway before Congress adjourned to rescind the Postmaster General's authority. That agitation now goes over until the extra session, when it will be renewed with the sympathy of a Republican Congress. Interesting to note that when the companies were taken over by the government our old Philadelphia friend, Charles C. Adams, who used to hold forth at the Chestnut and Juniper streets headquarters of the Postal, was taken over with the outfit. He had become vice presi dent to Mackey in New York when the Postmaster General entered upon the scene

WHAT did Char.ey Ellis, of Camden, dean of the Delaware River Mayors mean by talking back to a Governor who is coming to the United States Senate Why did Brother Winston, of the charter revision committee, go over the head o Penrose and the Vares and appeal to the Democratic Attorney General, A. Mitchell Palmer? And why did Collector Ephraim Lederer report a decrease in income tax for the Philadelphia district? As James Rankin Young would say, Phila delphians resident in Washington "would like to know." As to the income tax, can the answer be that the taxes are being more equitably distributed? The returns for 1916, remember, showed that four large states paid more than half of the Of the 6,000,000 planters, stock raisers and agriculturists, only 1400 reported,

SUNNY SIDE UP

present.

unlikely to succeed.

to give him to Woodrew as a Christmas

It was like Lea to try it, but it was also

As for horizon blue, that favorite color

the Kaiser's horizon looks the bluest of all.

Subject for Poem

The Colyumist Orders His Sepulchre

(to be written, we hope)

Mr. Taft was "broke" in Detroit yester-

day and had to walk to the Mayor's office

to each a check. He was on his way to

Kalamazoo, where he should have had no

trouble in finding both Kale and Mazuma

jokes. We came to this decision after

hearing from Becky Blunt that the Moscow

had had a calf and the gnu an innovation

Joyce Kilmer

He passed, as pass the brave,

We are going to call a halt on the

He sang, as sing the true.

A wholesome song, Exultant, love born anew,

A spirit strong.

Before his time.

· A soul sublime.

Militant, into the grave,

He lives, as live the great

Blessed, an envied state.

Brilliants From the "Home Manual"

Nancy Wynne has added ten years t

What costume is suitable for a gentle:

If ladies are present, a black diagonal

What is the proper time to send a gift

Can an engaged man call on his flancee

Should the bridegroom kiss the bride di

Not if he desires to follow the latest rule

Page Tiny Maxwell!

her national game. Played with great celerity, the balls pitched and batted often

with tremendous force, accidents unfor-

can be avoided by quickness,

tunately are not rare, but most of the

watchfulness and a determination to d

The downfall of the ellum in Independ-

ence Square has been a boon to the lunch-

time iditerers in that pleasaunce. The

leisurely sawing of the trunk gives a new

topic for discussion, Bolshevism having grown a trifle stale. If all Graf Bentinck's

domain has been deforested by this time,

perhaps a certain elderly workman from

Amerongen might be glad to take a hand.

is evident that passengers on the seashore railroads will have merry go-round trips

but dismally expensive one-way journeys.

The strain on the imagination in

Now that the women have tackled the

volved in describing the present lively sit-

nation at the Quai d'Orsay as a deadlock

job, the alleged "conspiracy of silence" about political conditions is liable to be

is rather severe.

As far as the prices are concerned, is

nothing reckless .- The Home Manual.

America may justly claim baseball as

Played with great

SOCRATES.

Certainly. He is expected to do so.

cutaway coat, white or black waistcoat,

by lending us the "Home Manual.

A. M. HICKEY.

In all men's love,

By God above.

Here are a few more gems:

to a mother-in-law?

every evening?

of etiquette.

Before 'the wedding.

rectly after the marriage?

man to wear on board a yacht?

light trousers and light derby hat.

"SURE, HE'LL TAKE JUST WHAT'S ORDERED; HE WANTS TO GET WELL!"

Danzig to Warsaw If Warsaw saw far more of war Than Warsaw sought to see, Another town more sore war saw Than Warsaw saw-that's me!

For Warsaw saw the war see-saw But Warsaw saw no sea: .
I saw war soar by sea and shore So Warsaw's sore at me!

The sore war Warsaw saw see-saw Was a worse sore war for me-I saw more war than Warsaw saw For the war wore Warsaw free!

Gobs are getting degobilized. Are the

Social Chat

Mr. Philip Warner, the well-known book seller, was personally observed by us at the transmitting end of two oyster stews. Many thunks, Philip!

Spring Poem

If daffodils were merely yellow flowers—
(to be continued, we hope)

Clement Shorter has discovered the following epitaph, which seems to us worth reprinting: Her last words on earth were, "Dear

friends, I'm a-going Where there ain't any baking or washing or sewing. But where you've got everything done to your wishes, where they don't eat there's no wash-

ing up dishes. I shall sit on the banks of that beautiful river.

And never do nothing forever and ever."

The cares of life had prevented us from visiting our favorite bookstore for some time, but dropping in there yesterday we were surprised to find a letter waiting for Some wag and wagess had mailed it from Jacksonville in care of our bookseller friends, knowing we would get it sooner or later. Here it is: Dear Socrates-Can you tell us whether

the siege by Nebuchadnezzar was the first case of Tyre trouble on record?

DIDO AND AENEAS.

We don't know what Aeneas is doing in Jacksonville, but if he's buzzing any of those southern janes we're going to put poor old Anchises wise,

The Bolshevist foreign minister, friend Tchitcherin, sparked off a wireless to his little friends in Hungary. Paris picked the gutturals out of the air, shaved and disinfected them and distilled them into our syllables thus: Beautiful riot in Philadelphia, which we

are reliably informed was inspired by Bolskeviki. We have been cudgeling our mentals to think what riot it can have been that tickled Moscow so. Can there have been a

riot around here that we have missed? Has any one seen one strolling about at large? 'It was a "beautiful" riot, too; note that The only thing we can think of was that two days' riot of silk ankles along Chestnut street during the wind storm recently. If that was inspired by the Boisheviki then

the Boardwalk at Atlantic City must be their footquarters. Speaking of humor, now what could be richer in

than that wireless from Bolshevik Tchitcherin? Lo, from the fount of his wit came the tape rilling-

Apriling? Perhaps as a wheeze on the world he unloaded it: If he had meant it, you bet he'd have

was old Tchitcherin just first-of-

coded it! The best thing we've heard about the Senate for a long time is that it was an ex-Senator—Luke Les, of Tennessee—who

# THROUGH THE SHADOWS tried to kidnap the Kaiser last December,

ALL in a dream in the twilight.
Glimmering stars in their glee, List to the murmur of far-off Ripples of tropic sea.

Low in the westward bleeding The sun slowly sinks in the wave-Staining and tinting with crimson The corals that fashion his grave.

Out through the mist and the vapor, The cloudy wreaths and the rings, Sunlight has flown like a butterfly Brushing the gold from its wings.

Quiet is coming and folding Our troubles away; and our woes Are hushed in the cool, fragrant shadows, Like bees in the heart of a rose.

Come on, little stars all silver, For the terrible sun has gone, And out of the eastern shadows The moon sets sail for the dawn

Pale are the stars-for the morning

Is blooming fresh as the May: So through the shadows v.e wander. Seeking the perfect day. -Charles Warren Stoddard, in "Collected

Victory Loan slackers would better watch out, for the mummers are preparing

Few persons are so far ahead of the times as that Catasauqua parson who turned his clock back an hour Saturday night instead of ahead, and kept his congregation waiting for him morning. He seemed to think that it was

## What Do You Know?

OUIZ 1. Who is Bela Kun?

2. What warship is ranked as the largest and most powerful in the world.

3. What is a demiurge? 4. Who is Anatole France?

5. What two American Presidents died on the same day, a Fourth of July.

6. In what year in the war was gas first

7. What is another name for the "Book of

8. What is skirling?

9. What is meant by "potable water"?

10. What is a vedette? Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

1. Elihu Root was Secretary of State under Roosevelt. 2. Narcissus in Greek mythology was a beautiful youth, changed into a flower. For his insensibility to love he was caused by Nemesis to become chan-

ored of his own image reflected in water. Unable to grasp the shadow he pined away and became the flower which bears his name. 3. A kriss is a Malay knife.

 Nonce, used in the expression of "for the nonce," is a corruption of the old Eng-lish "for the ones," and means for the time being, temporarily,

5. St. Paul was the Apostle to the Gentiles. 6. John S. Sargent is one of the foremost of contemporary American portrait and genre painters.

7. The word tobacco is derived from "tabaco," the tube or pipe whereby the Carib Indians smoked the plant.

General Mangin has lately been assigned to duties in Central Europe, supposedly to direct military affairs in Hungary

and other disturbed regions. 9. The last royal ruler of Hawaii was Queen

The chambered nautilus is a sea affin the shell of which is coiled in one pla divided into chambers by partitions, to sutermost containing the animal. To outer shell is pearly.